

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Information can be recorded in an easy-to-use form by appending title information thereto. When audio data is reproduced from an optical disc, such as a CD, and recorded into a hard disk, title information corresponding to the audio data is searched through a database region in the hard disk, and the retrieved title information is appended to the audio data and recorded into the storage region. When the corresponding title information is not retrieved, flag information indicating "no title information" is appended to the audio data so as to be recorded. When updated title information is provided by way of an optical disc or the like, by additionally recording the updated title information into the database region, the title information for the audio data indicated as "no title information" is automatically searched, and when the corresponding title information is found, the title information thus found is appended to the audio data and recorded into the storage region.